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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: COMMODITIES UNCTAD COMMON FUND
MEETING NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 2

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1. EMBOFF MET WITH DR. DENNIS BENN, CHIEF OF MFA ECONOMIC SECTION, ON AUGUST 26 TO OBTAIN INFORMATION REQUESTED REFTEL AND SOLICIT GUYANA'S VIEWS ON COMMON FUND FOR COMMODITIES ISSUE. ALTHOUGH GOG HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN DELIBERATIONS ON COMMON FUND SINCE UNCTAD IV, BENN STRESSED THAT GUYANA IS SOLIDLY BEHIND BASIC IDEA AS MECHANISM FOR MORE EQUITABLE EXPORT PRICES AND STABILIZING CUSHION IN TIMES OF FAILING COMMODITY PRICES.

2. GOG DOES NOT ANTICIPATE SENDING DELEGATION TO NOVEMBER MEETING AND HAS NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN GROUP OF 33. NON-PARTICIPATION IS NOT FOR LACK OF INTEREST BUT DUE TO PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS. GOG IS NOT REPRESENTED IN GENEVA AND USUALLY HANDLES MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS AT UN. GUYANA HAS IN PAST
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BEEN ACTIVE IN ECONOMIC COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITHIN G-77. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE IN NEW YORK IN NEXT FEW MONTHS GOG EXPECTS TO SYNTHESIZE ITS OWN POSITION ON COMMON FUND AND PARTICIPATE FREELY IN DEVELOPING FINAL G-77 POSITION.

3. UNTIL RECENTLY, THREE MINISTRIES WERE USUALLY INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN REACHING GOG POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL

ECONOMIC ISSUES: MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, FINANCE, AND TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION. ACCORDING TO BENN, NEWLY CREATED FOREIGN TRADE DIVISION IN MFA WILL ASSUME PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR FORMULATING GOG MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC POSITIONS WITH OTHER TWO MINISTRIES REVERTING TO BILATERAL EMPHASIS. AMBASSADOR HARRY DYETT, LATELY RETURNED FROM GUYANA'S MISSION TO EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES IN BRUSSELS, IS HEADING THIS NEW MFA DIVISION. HE AND BENN WILL PROBABLY BE THE TECHNICIANS DIRECTLY INVOLVED ADVISING FONMIN WILLS ON COMMON FUND. BENN TENTATIVELY PLANS ATTEND UNGA. FONMIN WILLS, WHO WILL ALSO GO TO UN, WILL FORMALLY APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE FINAL POSITION. ON MAJOR ISSUES PRIME MINISTER BURNHAM WILL MAKE THE DECISIONS.

4. ONE OF GUYANA'S CHIEF CONCERNS IS THAT CREATION OF COMMON FUND NOT CONTRAVENE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY AGREEMENTS. ACCORDING TO BENN, THIS IS PROBLEM SHARED BY OTHERS IN G-77 AND IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT IT MAKES ESTABLISHMENT OF PRACTICAL AND USEFUL COMMON FUND MORE DIFFICULT. NEVERTHELESS, BENN UNDERScoreD THAT GUYANA IS PREPARED TO PROCEED IN CONSTRUCTIVE AND PRAGMATIC SPIRIT.

5. USUN REPS MAY WISH SEEK OUT BENN, IF HE DOES GO TO UNGA, FOR AMPLIFICATION OF GOG POSITION. BENN IS ARTICULATE
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SPOKESMAN ON ISSUE, AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH USG REP.
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